

## LUKE MILL

AL-VI-D-134  
Luke, Maryland  
1889

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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AL-VI-D-134

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Luke Mill

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Luke

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

— DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

— STRUCTURE

— SITE

— OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

— PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

— BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

— IN PROCESS

— BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED

— UNOCCUPIED

— WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

— YES: UNRESTRICTED

— NO

**PRESENT USE**

— AGRICULTURE

— MUSEUM

— COMMERCIAL

— PARK

— EDUCATIONAL

— PRIVATE RESIDENCE

— ENTERTAINMENT

— RELIGIOUS

☒ GOVERNMENT

— SCIENTIFIC

☒ INDUSTRIAL

— TRANSPORTATION

— MILITARY

— OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Westvaco Corporation

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Luke

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

XZ

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Luke Westvaco Pulp and Paper Mill Company is located on the east side of Rt. 135 in Luke, Allegany County.

The original block basically consists of a one and a half story, five bay wide, rectangular shaped block. The building is constructed of brick laid in American Common Bond supported by a low poured concrete foundation. Several small wings abut the main block on all sides. The walls of the structure are pilastered, and corbeled; recessed panels are placed around all windows. The roof basically features a central gabled ridge which is flanked by shed roofs below the upper one half story window level. The roof is covered with replaced asphalt materials and eaves exhibit a simple soffit. Windows in the building feature single sash frames with twenty four light panels, while the wings include double hung wooden sash frames with six-over-six lights. The main block windows also include a transom and pediment with a segmental brick arch over the pediment. Entrances to the building feature the original diagonal plain board doors with a pediment. Three chimneys are placed around the facade. One circular metal chimney is located to the interior, one corbeled brick chimney is located on the south side and one circular, corbeled brick chimney is located on the outside north end.

The building is structually sound and is presently being used as a machine shop for the mill.

The corporation has grown and expanded operations and construction through the years and chronological additions can be seen in the mill plan. Today operations are at a peak and the plant is continuing to grow.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	1889	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Lukes
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Westvaco Pulp and Paper Company began operation in 1889 when a Scottish immigrant family, the Lukes, took over the Davis sawmill.<sup>1</sup> The sawmill was on the present site of the pulp and paper mill and the Lukes simply expanded its operations to include the paper manufacturing process. The family owned corporation exploited a good local supply of water, white spruce and inexpensive coal. The company also had immediate access to the West Virginia Central Railroad and soon became known as the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company. By 1894 the plant consisted of nine buildings and produced 40,000 pounds of paper daily.<sup>2</sup> In 1894 the company employed 200 men in the pulp mill and 75 in the paper factory. Over the next two decades the figure for employment reached 1,000 and the mill was actually responsible for the growth of the area .

1. Harry Stegmaier Jr., Alleghany County-A History McClain Printing Company, Parsons West Va. 1976 p. 221

2. Ibid

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson and Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegheny County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

4/19/77

STREET &amp; NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-5967

CITY OR TOWN

La Vale

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO: AL-VI-D-134

DATE: 4/19/77

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

First Transaction 73/674  
73/684

NAME OF PROPERTY: Luke Hill

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Luke, Maryland

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: West

NAME OF OWNER: Westvaco Corporation

ADDRESS: Luke, Maryland

STORIES: 1(☒) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5(☒) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- ( ) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
(☒) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants. 5/1  
( ) STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
( ) LOG  
( ) OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others \_\_\_\_\_

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone Concrete

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2( ) 6/6(☒) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other(☒) 24 light  
pegged( ) nailed( ) wide( ) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment( )  
Transom

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

HARDWARE: original(☒) replaced( )

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
original( ) replaced( ) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # \_\_\_\_\_

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original( ) replaced( )

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: Number: 3 Brick(☒) Stone( ) Corbeled(☒) original( ) replaced( )

Location: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior( )

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE: Machine shop

SIGNIFICANCE: Paper mill

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1889

CONDITION: Fair

FLOOR PLAN:

- ( ) CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- ( ) SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- ( ) IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- ( ) ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- ( ) OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- ( ) DOG-LEG
- ( ) DOG-LEG with WINDERS
- ( ) SPIRAL
- ( ) ROUNDED
- ( ) SYMMETRICAL DIVIDED FLIGHTS

WALL FINISH:

- ( ) PLASTER
- ( ) PANELED: original; replaced
- ( ) BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal  
MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush  
HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- ( ) PLAIN
- ( ) ARCHITRAVE
- ( ) SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- ( ) FLUTED
- ( ) FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- ( ) ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

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WEST VIRGINIA-M  
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NE/4 ELK GARDEN 1

STATE OF MARYLAND  
LAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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(BARTON) 3.6 MI.

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2'30"

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AI-VI-D-134

LUKE Mill, LUKE

John E. Nelson

4/19/77

SOUTHEAST



AI-VI-D-134

LUKE Mill, LUKE Rt 135

John E. Nelson

4/19/77

SEVENTEENTH



AI-VI-D-134

LUKE Mill, LUKE

John E. Nelson

4/19/77

Northwest